

Real Life Church 30 Day Pastor Search Prayer Guide

Thoughts on Prayer

“The definition of prayer is:

1. Intimately know, love, and worship God.
2. Understand and conform our lives to His way and will.
3. Access and advance His kingdom, power, and glory.” –

Priscilla Shirer

“In an awakening, the Spirit of God does not typically do a ‘new thing’: He simply pours greater power upon the ‘normal’ things faithful Christians are already doing. Prayers become more intense, worship becomes more joyous, repentance becomes more sorrowful, and the preached word yields greater effect. The Spirit of God multiplies the effectiveness of our ‘normal’ work of seed planting, bringing forth a bountiful harvest and He does more than we could ever accomplish in a lifetime.” – J.D. Greear

“Christ’s life and work, His suffering and death, were founded on prayer - total dependence upon God the Father, trust in God, receiving from Him and surrendering to God...The life He lived for you, and the life He lives in you, is a life that delights to wait on God and receive from Him. To pray in His name is to pray as He prayed. Christ is our example because He is our head, our savior and our life. In virtue of His deity and of His Spirit, He can live in us. We can pray in His name because we abide in Him and He in us.”

– Andrew Murray

Additional Scripture Passages on Prayer

Hebrews 11:16; Jeremiah 33:3; Ephesians 3:20; Matthew 19:26; James 5:16; Colossians 4:2; 2 Chronicles 7:14; John 14:13; 1 Timothy 2:1; Psalm 34:4; 1 Thess. 5:17; Psalm 141:2; Psalm 55:17; Psalm 32:6; Psalm 37:4; Ephesians 4:12; John 17:20-21; James 1:6-7; Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 25:3; Psalm 65:2; James 4:2; Luke 21:36; Psalm 84:8-11; Psalm 9:10; Psalm 115:1; John 15:7; Romans 15:13; 2 Thess. 3:16; James 1:5, Romans 8:26; Matthew 5:16, Romans 12:21; Colossians 1:9-12; Mark 3:25; Proverbs 2:6; Isaiah 30:19-21; Psalm 84:7; 1 John 3:8; Matthew 26:41

Pastor Search: Colossians 3:12-17, Psalm 25:12 — Above all, pray that God’s will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor for Real Life Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give everyone involved in this process wisdom, peace and unity. Pray that God will show us whom He is calling to Real Life, as we bathe the process in prayer for God’s guidance.

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Pray for the Pastor Search Committee:

Day 1 - Psalm 66:16-20 John 15:5, Ephesians 5:18 — Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each committee member. Pray this for each member by name—Pastor Bob, Pastor Manuel, Azucena Solorzano, Brian Carpenter, David Ager, Tiffany Pavey

Day 2 - Colossians 1:9-12 — Pray for God to fill Pastor Bob and Pastor Manuel, with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Pray for strength and balance with their other responsibilities.

Day 3 - Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19-20, Ephesians 4:1-6 — Pray for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the committee.

Day 4 – James 1:5, Isaiah 55:8-9 — Pray for God’s clear direction in how resumes are examined and interviews conducted. Ask God to bring the right person to the attention of the committee.

Day 5 - 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 — Pray for the Search Committee to have God’s wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential.

Day 6 – Ephesians 5:1-4, Galatians 5:22-23 — Pray for the committee to have wisdom and discernment as to the unique characteristics, traits and gifts most needed for our body in a pastor.

Day 7 - Ephesians 5:17; Psalm 62:5-8; Micah 7:7 — Pray for the committee to have no timetable but God’s. They must be determined to find God’s perfect will in God’s perfect time.

Day 8 - Ephesians 6:10-12, Proverbs 19:23 — Pray for the prevention of Satan’s influence in misleading or rushing the search committee (One of Satan’s tactics is deception). Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.

Day 9 - I Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:1 — Pray for God’s guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church. Pray that there would be no division among the Pastor Search Committee or the congregation – only unity.

Day 10 - Philippians 2:3-11, Romans 12:1-2 — Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will seek God’s will for the church above their own desires.

Pray for the Congregation:

Day 11 - Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8 — Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. “Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the church and not in man.”

Day 12 - Psalm 66:16-20, Psalm 139:23-24 — Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. “Father, please cause this to be a time of deep cleansing and renewal in our church. Convict us of sin and bring us to repentance. Let this be a time a changed hearts. May we always be the church You have called us to be. It is all about You and not us.”

Day 13 – Luke 12:31-32; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Revelation 2:1-4, Revelation 3:15 — Pray for strong consistency and focus in the ministries of the church. “Lord, protect us from any spirit of being

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lukewarm or losing our first love. Protect us from the evil one and destroy any strongholds. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor.”

Day 14 - John 13:34, Ephesians 4:31-32 — Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. “Help us surrender all bitterness, division and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forgiving love.”

Day 15 - John 17:21, 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:10 — Pray for great unity in calling the new pastor. “Lord, help us to receive him and his family with deep love and renewed commitment. Grant us a powerful sense of revival and spiritual awakening as we move into the future.” Pray for grace, guidance and strength for the church from which our new pastor comes.

Day 16 - Ephesians 4:1-6 — Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. “Lord, we understand that a new pastor always means changes. Help us to be prepared to change and grow with graciousness and unity so we can be the church You have called us to be.”

Day 17 - Hebrews 6:12, Psalm 62:5-8; Romans 12:1-2 — Pray that we will patiently await God’s timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God and the right leader.

Day 18 - Philippians 2:3-11 — Pray that all the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity who God is calling to lead Real Life, to be the church God has called us to be.

Day 19 – John 15:1-4, Isaiah 42:9 — Some churches struggle with wanting a pastor who is like their previous pastor. Others desire someone who is just the opposite. Pray that all would be receptive to God’s doing a new thing in the congregation and accept His perfect will above our own desires.

Day 20 - Hebrews 13:17 — Pray that the church as a whole would trust the Pastor Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Pastor Search Committee is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to Real Life Church and there would be full oneness of Spirit.

Pray for the new Pastor

Day 21 - 2 Timothy 4:1-5 — Pray that God will give our new pastor even greater passion for boldly preaching and teaching the Word of God.

Day 22 - Philippians 1:3-11 — Pray that God will give our new pastor a love for our church and strength to leave his current position. Pray that God will make His will known very clearly to him and his family.

Day 23 - Colossians 1:9-12 — Pray for our new pastor’s family. Of course, the new pastor may be married or single, and may have children or not. God knows all of that. Pray that God, who knows who they are, will strengthen and guide the new pastor and family as they are led toward ministry at Real Life Church. Pray that God will grant them peace as they follow God’s will.

Day 24 - Romans 12:9-13 — Pray that God will give our new pastor passion and strength for serving Him at Real Life. Pray that God will help him be faithful in prayer

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Day 25 - Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16 — Pray for the new pastor and his family to be certain of their call to our church. Pray also that God will protect him and his family from the evil one.

Day 26 - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 — Pray for God's strength and guidance in the new pastor's former church. Pray that those with whom he is currently ministering will trust God's plan for His servant in leading him to a new location of ministry.

Day 27 - Amos 4:13 — Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of Real Life Church and the surrounding community. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through us.

Day 28 - Luke 12:22-31 — Pray that the new pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church and our community; that their physical needs such as housing, schooling, etc. will be more than satisfied; that if he has a family, they will adjust easily and find good friends quickly; and that the whole family will feel most welcomed here.

Day 29 - Psalm 133 — Pray that the new pastor will be able to work effectively with the other church staff, elders and other workers at Real Life Church.

Day 30 - Joshua 1:8-9 — Pray that God will protect the new pastor's heart as he prepares to leave his current ministry and move to a new ministry. Pray that the stresses of moving, meeting new people, maintaining relationships, etc. will not interfere with his need to continually develop his relationship with God. Pray that God will give him and his family peace knowing they are in His will.

*** Please continue to pray after the 30 day devotion is finished by starting again at the beginning of the prayer guide with Day 1. We covet your prayers every day during the pastor search process. If you decide not to start over with Day 1, please continue to pray for the pastor search team, the congregation and the future pastor. We ask that you pray for unity, for no division, for protection from the evil one and for God's will to be done. Please include your children in praying for our church, for the pastor search committee and for the future pastor. We want everyone to see that prayer works in knowing God's will for our church and for every phase of one's life.

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